

GENERAL STRIKE IN PHILADELPHIA

Walkout of 125,000 Sympathetic Union Men Begins Next Saturday.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION SO VOTES

This Action Taken at the End of a Secret Session of More Than Six Hours Duration—This Makes the Situation Very Grave—Still Hope Remains That the Trouble May Be Arbitrated During the Week—Rioting Renewed Sunday.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—Action fraught with possibly momentous consequences to Philadelphia was taken by the Central Labor Union tonight, when that body, representing 140 unions, with a reported membership of 125,000, voted to begin a sympathetic strike next Saturday in aid of the striking street railway employees. This action was taken at the end of a secret session of about 700 delegates in labor union hall which lasted more than six hours.

There was apparently no question but the delegates would vote to strike, the split being on the question of whether it would be started immediately. The more conservative element prevailed, however, and the walkout was put off until next Saturday. Meanwhile there was a strong feeling that the strike would be settled by arbitration during the week. The repeated declarations by the transit company, controlling all the lines in the city, that "there is nothing to arbitrate."

Nobody doubts that tonight's action by the Central Labor Union makes the situation very grave. There is a strong feeling, especially among business people, that the strike should be settled as quickly as possible. The business is suffering from the stagnation resulting from the interference with traffic. Consequently there was much sympathy with the effort to have arbitration made by clerical men of all denominations early in the week. Whether this sentiment is strong enough to bring the clashing interests together remains to be seen.

A Feeling That Unionism is at Stake. There was surprise over the unanimity of the vote in the Central Labor Union meeting today. For several days the meeting today had been discussed but there was a mixed sentiment as to the wisdom of striking. The unionists are suffering from the stagnation resulting from the interference with traffic. Consequently there was much sympathy with the effort to have arbitration made by clerical men of all denominations early in the week. Whether this sentiment is strong enough to bring the clashing interests together remains to be seen.

The great crowd of work people gathered outside the hall would occasionally hear loud cheering and a responsive chorus of "up with unionism." Finally when the meeting broke up and the announcement was made that the delegates had resolved to strike, the crowd broke up and the announcement was made that the delegates had resolved to strike.

Two Separate Labor Meetings Held. Two separate meetings were held. The delegates of the Central Labor Union met on one floor of the building, while the presidents and business men of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company met on another floor.

Two Persons Killed, Four Others Badly Hurt. A trolley car was seriously hurt as the result of a trolley car jumping the switch at Sixth and Jackson streets downtown tonight and dashing into the front door of a cigar store. The dead are: Charles McKenna, 14 years, died in the Methodist hospital from a fractured skull; John E. Frederick, 45 years, crushed head, leg and internally injured, died shortly afterwards.

The injured are: William Everett, 14, internally injured; Abram Shinsky, 12 years; Raymond Trainor, 10 years; Edward Moore, aged 15 years. Trolley Car Ploughed Through Crowd. The dead and injured were all standing in front of the cigar store. There had been a disturbance in the street and someone had turned the unused switch at this point. A trolley car driven at 30 miles an hour jumped the track and ploughed through the crowd on the sidewalk, only stopping after it had torn the front out of the store.

Warning to Parents of Children. Realizing that much of the disturbance throughout the city was in many cases started by young children, Archbishop Ryan sent out a circular letter to all churches in the city today warning parents not to allow their children on the streets during the present trouble.

Trouble Resumed Sunday. A DOZEN RIOT CALLS. Five Arrests Made—Alleged Plot to Blow Up Cars.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—Cars were stoned, motormen and conductors were beaten and many passengers were struck by flying missiles in the riotous which was renewed here today after several days of comparative quiet.

Cabled Paragraphs

Paris, Feb. 27.—Beyond a slight outbreak of typhoid in the barracks at the Invalides, the health reports indicate that the measures taken to prevent the spread of the epidemic were efficacious. The vital statistics show that the deaths in the city last week were 1,054, which is below the normal for this season, when the average number of deaths for a week is 1,120.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—Emperor Nicholas left Tsarskoe-Selo palace yesterday and drove into St. Petersburg, where he called upon King Ferdinand of Bulgaria. The emperor as usual occupied an open carriage and was without an escort. While passing through Nevski Prospekt the carriage was halted by the presence of a man clothed as a peasant who knelt in its path and held a petition before a 15 head. The footman made a detour to avoid the man, who was subsequently taken to the police station.

WATERBURY EMBELLIZER RETURNS FROM THE WEST.

Charles S. Morehouse surrenders to the authorities. Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 27.—After eluding the police for two months, which time he spent in or near Chicago, Charles S. Morehouse, wanted for the embezzlement of \$3,000 from the Central Railroad of New Jersey, returned to Waterbury yesterday evening and gave himself up to the police. Morehouse, who was the Torrington manager of the firm, wrote his former employers from Chicago that he intended to surrender himself.

20 FAMILIES BURNED OUT, NO LOSS OF LIFE.

Ten Double Dwelling Houses in Jersey City Destroyed. New York, Feb. 27.—Twenty families of Jersey City were burned out tonight in a fire which destroyed ten double dwelling houses, razed the plant of the New York Veneer Sealing company, and delayed traffic on the Newark branch of the Central Railroad of New Jersey for two hours. The damage is estimated at \$200,000. The company's seating company will suffer \$100,000. There was no loss of life.

\$5,000 INSURANCE PAID

On Life of Man Who Was Executed in New Jersey Prison.

New York, Feb. 27.—The novel contention that the applicant mistated his occupation as that of a traveling salesman, which was factually a professional burglar, has failed to support the refusal of one of the large insurance companies to pay a \$5,000 policy on the life of a man who was executed in the New Jersey State Prison. The company decided not to force the issue in the courts and sent a check for the amount to Big Bill's family. The company decided not to force the issue in the courts and sent a check for the amount to Big Bill's family.

3,000 Bales of Cotton Burned at New Bedford.

New Bedford, Mass., Feb. 27.—Upwards of 3,000 bales of cotton and some manufactured product were lost in a spectacular fire which destroyed the large warehouse of Dennison Brothers company here today, causing a total loss of \$350,000.

M. C. HIGGINS RESIGNS FROM SUPERINTENDENCY.

Does Not Sever Connection With Metropolitan Insurance Company, However.

On Saturday of this week the resignation of Michael C. Higgins as superintendent of the Metropolitan Insurance company in this vicinity takes effect, and he will give up the duties of the office. Higgins, who has been in service with the company, this is done as his doctor advises that he take a holiday. Higgins, who has been in service with the company, this is done as his doctor advises that he take a holiday.

SECOND INFANTRY TO CAMP AT NANTIC.

Decision on This Has Been Reached—Political Side of It.

The Second Infantry, C. N. G., will encamp at Nanticoke in July. This has been definitely decided. In May or June there will be a school for instruction of officers in tactics, and the various commands will be expected to attend. The regimental camps in the summer will be at Nanticoke, and the regiment will be expected to attend.

Conservator for Prisoner.

In the New London probate court Saturday Judge Alfred Colt appointed Dr. D. R. Perry Heaton of New York conservator over Frederick A. S. Leavitt, a 65-year-old man, who was found at Wethersfield. He shot and killed E. C. Whitley of New London, and will, in a short time, inherit between \$75,000 and \$80,000 from the estate of the man whose death occurred at New York several months ago. The estate is now being settled.

Thermometer Rises Rapidly.

There was a big change in the weather between Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday morning the thermometer showed 40 degrees above zero, while on Sunday morning at the same time it was 45 degrees above a rise of 57 points, while in the middle of the day it was much higher.

Waterbury—Henry W. Plitch, 76, probably the oldest colored veteran of the civil war in the state, died at his home here last week.

New Type of Machine Gun

JUST ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

SMALL AND EASY TO OPERATE

Can Be Carried by Two Men With Full Equipment of Stands—Can Be Fired from the Shoulder.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The army has just adopted a new type of machine gun that has some remarkable advantages over the existing guns. The new weapon is so small that it can be carried by a man or two with full equipment of stands and ammunition can be packed upon a mule.

Moreover it can be fired from the shoulder, and consequently is much less subject to attack and capture by the enemy. The ammunition is carried in duplicate and can be almost instantly changed when they become heated from rapid firing.

ARMENIAN USED A KNIFE ON THREE AMERICAN BOYS.

Fight in Bridgeport Between Six American and Six Armenian Boys. Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 27.—In a fight between half a dozen young Armenians and six American boys, one of the Armenians used a knife with such dextrous effect that he stabbed William Byrnes, aged 20, in the stomach. The other Armenian, aged 21 in the right arm, and Bartholomew Fennick, aged 20, was stabbed in the arm, the right check, and half of his nose was cut off. French and Fennick had their injuries treated at the Emergency hospital. William Byrnes' wound is serious in character. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital. The Armenians made good their escape.

STRAIGHT OPPOSITION TO NAVAL PROGRAMME.

Representative from Minnesota Foresees Bankruptcy of Government.

Washington, Feb. 27.—In a caustic statement tonight, Representative James A. Tawney of Minnesota, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, announced his complete opposition to the government's naval programme, as it was outlined yesterday by the committee by Secretary Meyer. Mr. Tawney foresees bankruptcy of the government if such programmes are adhered to, and he charged that the navy department is the shipbuilding interests of the United States.

GOLD MEDAL FOR PEARY.

One for Lieut. Shackleton, and Silver Medal for Captain Bartlett.

Rome, Feb. 27.—The Royal Geographic society at a largely attended meeting this evening, ratified the recommendations of the committee of the society, which had recommended that the gold medal be awarded to Commander Robert E. Peary, for his discovery of the North Pole, and other distinctions for the year 1909. These include: Gold medal to Commander Robert E. Peary, for his discovery of the North Pole, and other distinctions for the year 1909.

Sunday School Teacher Killed by Falling Door.

Franklin, Pa., Feb. 27.—Miss Mary Crawford, 46 years old, was fatally injured today in the Sunday school room of the First Baptist church, while attending a Bible class. Her head was crushed by a large drop door, which she had made a record as a teacher of the Sunday school.

Mrs. Morse Goes to Visit Her Husband in Atlanta Prison.

New York, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Charles W. Morse left New York today for Atlanta, Ga., to visit her husband, who is in prison there. The chief object of her going at this time, it was said, was to secure the release of her husband, who is in prison there.

New Haven Pastor Accepts Call to Bristol.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 27.—Rev. Everett O. Williams of the Davenport Congregational church today announced that he had accepted a call to the Bristol Congregational church. He will leave here April 30.

Rapid Rise in Rivers at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Feb. 27.—The rain of the last twenty-four hours, washing down the immense accumulation of ice and snow along the Allegheny and Monongahela watersheds, caused a rapid rise in the rivers tonight. The prediction was made that the danger mark of 22 feet would be reached by tomorrow.

Big Belgian Iron Works Flooded.

Brussels, Feb. 27.—At Machelen-au-Pont, the big iron works were flooded tonight by the overflow of the river. The works were thrown out of work. The rivers Escaut and Lys have inundated immense plains in Flanders. The situation in the valley is very critical, the railroad being flooded.

\$160,000 Fire at Wilmington, Del.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 27.—Fire of unknown origin tonight destroyed one of two large storage warehouses of the Seaboard Air Line. The warehouse was filled with large amounts of fertilizer constituents. The loss is approximately \$160,000 fully covered by insurance.

Westport—Vanderbilt Allen, the artist, has rented the residence of William Hurlbut on Camp street and will have a large studio erected.

Feed the Family On Garbage

COLLECTED FROM BARRELS IN CITY BACK YARDS.

TOO PROUD TO ASK FOR AID

A Vermont Farmer with Family of Six Persons Found in a Terrible State of Destitution.

Burlington, Vt., Feb. 27.—Disdaining to ask for aid, and too proud to beg, a family of six persons, three of them children, for three years have been living on garbage which they collected from the city back yards. The father of the family, 70 years old, has daily collected from yards in this city, ostensibly to feed his "pigs."

This was the startling fact revealed today when the local authorities were called to take charge of two insane middle-aged women, both widows, one aged father, and three children, a boy and two girls, aged 4, 7 and 14 years, respectively. To the unspeakable diet upon which the women, Mrs. Mattie Sipples and Mrs. Emory Leavitt, have subsisted for the past 36 months is attributed their present insanity. Both will be sent to the state asylum for the insane.

The Indian critics found revolting conditions of squalor and disorder present in the battered farmhouse that the family occupied in a somewhat isolated section.

CORPORATION TAX LAW

More in Disfavor Than the Law Itself

—Considerable Stir Among Connecticut Private Corporations.

New Haven, Feb. 27.—With the coming of the last regular day for returns under the new federal corporation tax law there has been considerable stir among the many private corporations of the state over legal questions involved. Reports received from the various business centers of the state indicate that a large number of the corporations are having trouble with their returns.

In general the protests are made on the ground that the corporation tax law is unconstitutional. First, the general unconstitutionality of the law is asserted. Second, the corporation tax law is asserted to be unconstitutional. Third, the corporation tax law is asserted to be unconstitutional.

NO TELEPHONE GIRLS UNDER FIVE FEET IN HEIGHT.

Must Be Able to Reach Top of Switchboards—Varying Wages.

Washington, Feb. 27.—She is not a telephone girl if she is under five feet in height. The companies employ only 604 girls, and the rest are boys. The companies employ only 604 girls, and the rest are boys.

Brooklyn Fire Chief, Assistant and Call Fireman Injured.

Brooklyn, Mass., Feb. 27.—Call Fireman William E. Hanchett of the Brooklyn fire department was fatally injured, and Second Assistant Chief Fred H. Moore was painfully hurt when the automobile Chief Harry E. Moore was driving at high speed, crashed into a telephone pole on East Chestnut street today.

604 Summer Bathers Drowned in New England.

Boston, Feb. 27.—Bathers in New England during the summer season of 1909 called an exceptionally heavy toll to the waters, according to figures compiled by the United States volunteer life saving corps, showing that 604 persons were drowned in the New England states last summer from May to September inclusive. Of this number 27 were children.

Death of Oldest Anglican Chorister in America.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 27.—John H. Morton Morris will be buried tomorrow in the cemetery of the Episcopal church, being 78 years old at the time of his death. He was a member of the noted Morris family of Philadelphia.

Ohio River Rose 10 Feet Sunday.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 27.—A constant downpour of rain during the last 24 hours has set the Ohio river and its local tributaries, the Licking and Little Miami, to rising to an extent that threatens the flood stage. The Ohio river at this point rose ten feet today.

Condensed Telegrams

The Address in Reply to the king's speech was adopted in the British house of commons.

The Chinese Authorities have deposited the daili lama as the head of the Tibetan government.

Former Vice President Fairbanks was an interested spectator at the proceedings of the French senate.

The Question of the Authority of one branch of the government against another argued in the supreme court of the District.

The French Cruiser Triant has been ordered to Point a Pitre, Guadalupe, to land men to check the sugar cane cutters' strike riots.

The Catholic Archbishop of Rheims, France, was sentenced to pay \$100 damages to the Parish Public School Teachers' association.

The Democratic Ship Subsidy Bill, which will be submitted as a substitute for the administration measure, was introduced in the house.

The United States Leads the World in exporting tobacco and is second in importing, according to statistics of the department of commerce and labor.

The House Judiciary Committee acted favorably on the resolution changing the date of the inauguration of the president from March 4 to the last Thursday in April.

Governor Hughes Denied the Report that he had been engaged by the Interborough Rapid Transit company of New York to act as its counsel at an annual salary of \$50,000.

The German Government now announces that if the American expedition to be held in Berlin the representative of American exhibitors will be given a cordial welcome.

Representative Longworth Denied any knowledge of "Helms" plot between ex-President Roosevelt, Senator Foraker and himself, aiming to carry Ohio for the republicans, with him acting as governor.

Representative Miller, who made a futile effort to abolish the Indian school at located at New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and San Francisco, by cutting the appropriation for them out of the Indian bill, has responded his fight.

As a Result of the Cabinet Meeting, Attorney General Wickham telegraphed to District Attorney Wile, at New York, to note an appeal from the decision of Judge Hough dismissing the indictment against the Panama Canal Company, on the charge of libel in connection with the Panama canal cases.

ELEANOR ROBSON AND AUGUST BELMONT WED.

Married at Actress' Home With Only Near Relatives Present.

New York, Feb. 27.—August Belmont and Miss Eleanor Robson, the actress, were married today at the actress' home, 302 West Seventy-seventh street, Mr. Belmont, assisted by other friends of St. Patrick's church, officiating. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Belmont left the city for a trip through the Mediterranean, from which they will return in time for the racing season at Belmont park.

White Hiss, yellow jowls and palms decorated the front drawing room to the left of the hall, transforming it into a formal bower. On the east side of the room, beneath a marble bell, Mr. Lavelle conducted the ceremony. The bride wore a gown of velvet, with a train of silk, trimmed with draped skirt, fastened to one side, with hand embroidery, Dutch neck and elbow sleeves, bodice trimmed with hand embroidery and priceless old lace.

There were no bridesmaids or ushers. Mr. Belmont's claimant, a friend, Arthur, Lithgow Deven of Boston, served as the best man, and the bride's cousin, Charles Robinson Smith, gave her in marriage.

It was necessary to restrict the attendance at the wedding to the immediate family of the couple. The space afforded by Miss Robson's home was inadequate for a large reception.

George Tiffany, Mr. Belmont's mother's sister, Miss Tiffany, and Mrs. August Belmont, Jr., Raymond and Morgan Belmont, were the bridesmaids. Mrs. Perry Belmont, Mrs. Madge Carr Cook, Miss Robson's mother, Miss Lavelle, and Mrs. Lavelle, were the bridesmaids.

New York, Feb. 27.—August Belmont and his bride, formerly Miss Eleanor Robson, were married today at the actress' home, 302 West Seventy-seventh street, Mr. Belmont's private car over the Seaboard Air Line.

SAILING WITHOUT A CAPTAIN.

French Three-Masted Ship Not Sure of Her Location.

New York, Feb. 27.—Somewhere on the high seas there is a three-masted French sailing ship without a captain and without a crew. The ship is the edge of where she is. The French liner La Savole, which arrived here today after a cold, snowy and very rough passage from Havre, reported that on February 23 she sighted such a ship which signalled "Captain dead."

New Haven Italian Died from Effects of Fractured Skull.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 27.—Contadino Granes, an Italian, died today in the hospital from the effects of a fractured skull received Saturday night. The police are holding without bail a man named Granes, who is charged with the murder of Granes.

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Why Methodism Is in Rome

SUBJECT OF A SERMON IN THE AMERICAN METHODIST CHURCH.

DELIVERED BY PASTOR TIPPLE

The American Church Crowded Sunday Morning, Many American Visitors Being Among the Listeners.

Rome, Feb. 27.—The American Methodist church was crowded this morning, the congregation including many American visitors, who were attracted by the subject of Pastor M. T. Tipple's sermon, "Why Methodism Is in Rome." It was in the American Methodist church that Charles W. Fairbanks, ex-vice president of the United States, delivered the address which he had just received from the pope and which has created much discussion in Rome as well as in the United States.

Methodists Very Successful. The Rev. Mr. Tipple said that the Methodist church was meeting with great success throughout Italy. Such success could be attributed to the extraordinary action of the Vatican with regard to the proposed visit of ex-vice President Fairbanks to the pope and also to the recent recognition of the Catholic clergy. As Mr. Fairbanks spoke in the American Methodist church, Pastor said, it was fitting that from the same pulpit the charges preferred against Methodism in Italy should be considered.

Have a Right to Be in Italy. "With reference to the question that the Methodists have a right to be in Italy," said the preacher, "the answer is that we are here under the Italian laws, guaranteeing religious freedom. Another assertion by the Catholics is that Methodism is not needed in Italy. But Methodists believe that the need is urgent, as the Catholic church is always more efficient for good when compelled to compete with aggressive Protestantism, and conspicuously evidenced in America."

Archbishop Ireland's Experience. "The Catholic church suffers embarrassment when it is required to satisfy the demands of the Vatican, which is still bound by the ideals of the Middle Ages. This is proved by the experience of Archbishop Ireland when he was here a year ago, studying the American colony. Very recently Archbishop Ireland, who followed by a toast to the king of Italy."

Why Italy Needs Methodism. "Italy needs Methodism because it is no longer Catholic except in name. The charge of Methodism proselytizing is foolish. Their hands are full in dealing with the problems of the present. It is proved by the last census, which shows that Italy reports the largest number of men without religious professions in the world. The Methodists have ex-priests among the workers, but none has been actively sought. The Methodist schools are full, because the children's parents select them as the best."

Faith Versus Atheism. "The issue in Italy today is not Protestantism versus Catholicism, but faith versus atheism. The Catholic church has said that every convert to Methodism costs \$1,400. If that is true, cannot the Catholic church afford to pay it? It is more than every three Italian laborers who carry one priest!"

The pastor urged that Archbishop Ireland specify the differences between the methods employed by the Methodists here, and he added: "It is playing with fire for the Catholic church to open the subject of moral methods in Italy."

LOAF OF BREAD PLACED OVER A SEVERED ARTERY.

Saved the Life of Andrew Polish of New Britain.

New Britain, Conn., Feb. 27.—Owing to the presence of a loaf of bread in the house in which he lived, the life of Andrew Polish was saved today, when a lost of bread was placed over a severed artery in his neck. The blood stayed sufficiently to keep him alive until the arrival of a physician.

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Whitinsville Church Burned. Flames Broke Out During Choir Rehearsal—Loss \$90,000.

Whitinsville, Mass., Feb. 27.—During choir rehearsal today a fire broke out that destroyed the Methodist Episcopal church here, causing a loss of \$90,000. The building was insured for \$100,000. A heavy gale scattered sparks and a fire started from a hot stove in the basement.

\$75,000 FIRE IN BOSTON. CLYDE LINE FREIGHT SHEDS.

Narrow Escape of Limer Onondaga from Destruction.

Boston, Feb. 27.—A stubborn fire in the Clyde line freight shed on Lewis wharf gave the department a hard three-hour fight at a loss of \$75,000. The Clyde line Onondaga, which was nearly completely destroyed, was rescued by a tugboat which started from an overheated furnace.

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